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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5061

INFO AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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TAGS: CDES, CH (POLISENO, A. MICHAEL)

SUBJECT: DEATH OF POLISENO

REF: (A) STATE 17456, (B) PEKING 132

1. IN RESPONSE TO REF A, USLO OFF CALLED ON MFA PROTOCOL OFFICE
DEPUTY DIVISION CHIEF HSU TSUNG-HSI, JANUARY 24, TO ASK IF MEDICAL AND

DENTAL RECORDS WOULD AID IN IDENTIFYING REMAINS. HE ALSO INQUIRED
CONCERNING WHEREABOUTS AND CONDITION OF REMAINS AND PERSONAL
EFFECTS AND CHINESE PLANS FOR RETURNING THEM TO THE UNITED STATES.

HSU WAS UNABLE TO GIVE IMMEDIATELY REPLY, BUT SAID HE WOULD REFER
QUESTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED. HE PROMISED TO CONTACT
USLO AS SOON AS INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.

2. FOR REASONS WHICH ARE NOT YET CLEAR, THIS MATTER IS BEING
HANDLED BY MFA PROTOCOL OFFICE AND NOT BY CONSULAR AFFAIRS
DIVISION WHICH DEALT WITH PREVIOUS CASES INVOLVING DEATHS OF
AMERICAN CITIZENS.

3. DURING SEPARATE CALL ON MFA, JANUARY 24, INFORMATION DEPARTMENT'S
MA YU-CHEN TOLD ANOTHER USLO OFF THAT POLISENO AND TWO DANISH
CITIZENS WERE THE ONLY FOREIGNERS ABOARD THE FLIGHT. DANISH EMBASSY
WAS ALSO INFORMED ON JANUARY 23, AND DANISH EMBOFF SAID ANNOUNCEMENT
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BY HIS FOREIGN MINISTRY IN COPENHAGEN WAS THE SOURCE OF PRESS STORIES

ON THE INCIDENT.
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